

SAY OFFICERS TORTURE MEN

Accusations Made by Socialists in the German Reichstag.

DISCUSSION KEPT SECRET

Instances Form Darkest Spots on Military System, Declares Leader of Party.

By STEVEN BURNETT.

Berlin, Aug. 7.—There recently occurred some rather uproarious scenes in the German Reichstag, when certain Socialist members brought forward evidence showing that German officers now in the midst of the war, when thousands of men are daily sacrificing their lives for their country, had once more relapsed into their old habit of torturing and abusing private soldiers. The accusation was made in secret session, and the press was forbidden to make any reference to it, while every line in the Socialist papers has been scanned to make sure that no revelations were made in an underhand manner.

In the meantime the facts are common knowledge among Socialist leaders, and they will, of course, eventually leak out to the masses, with perhaps exceedingly disastrous result to the haughty officers' caste. I have just had an interesting talk on this subject with a very prominent Socialist leader, whose name I shall not mention, though he has not asked me to keep it secret, but my readers will know who I mean when I say that he is the most fearless and most feared Socialist member of the Reichstag, and that his military and official enemies have more than once tried to get rid of him by scheming to send him to the most exposed parts of the front, in the hope to have him killed, as he is still of military age.

Not Considered Surprising.

"You say that these instances of abuse on the part of the officers are not in war time surprises you," he said to me, "but to me it is rather surprising that they have not occurred before. As you know, officers have always abused and tortured soldiers who happened to be in their hands. It seems that this is one of the evils which is inseparable from compulsory military service as we know it in Germany and when apparently several months passed after the outbreak of the war without any word being said, you must not suppose that this was because the military tyrants had suddenly learned to love their men, whom they might at any moment have to order into the jaws of certain death, but it was simply because our officers realized that the private soldier in war time is not a unit as defenseless as in the barracks in time of peace and that a bullet from a German rifle might easily put an end to the life of an officer who incurred the hatred of the men under his command.

"Gradually, however, this fear of reprisals on the part of the private soldier off the officers since more adopted their usual haughty manner and we began to hear of soldiers being submitted to the old time tortures in the trenches.

Form Dark Spots.

"These abuses and tortures of private soldiers in my opinion are one of the darkest spots on German militarism, especially because the highest military authorities always have refused to abolish this evil, which though individual officers whose guilt had become too evident have occasionally been punished, although in justice to the cause it must be said that he has repeatedly expressed his condemnation of them.

"I want to emphasize that the spirit of hatred is not in the spirit of the great German people, but merely the result of a system, the days of which are numbered even in Europe, no matter whether we win or are defeated in this war. "The German people do not consider it a crime to show sympathy with and assist unhappy brethren, be they German, French, Russian or British. We do not consider it 'brother unfilial' (betrayal of one's own people) to give bread to a starving enemy prisoner, whose only crime is that he has obeyed the orders of his authorities and fought for his country as we order and expect our men to fight for Germany.

"I am glad to have been given an opportunity to say this to the people of America. They must not judge the conduct of our people from what they see now, when we are nearly all of us tools or dupes of a cruel system, for the true German spirit will manifest itself when after we shall have become a free people and that time is not very far away."

HONEYMOON IN CARRIAGE.

Professor Wants to Keep Bride Close to Nature.

Burlington, Vt., Aug. 7.—Prof. Thomas Reed Powell, of Columbia University, and his bride are spending their honeymoon on a carriage drive through Vermont. Mrs. Powell was Miss Mary Lee Hale of Albany. They were married at "Stony Brook," the summer home of Mrs. Powell's brother, Matthew Hale, at Westport, N. Y.

Prof. Frederick L. Holtz, principal of the model school of the Brooklyn Training School for Teachers, is attracting large crowds by his course on nature study at the Catholic Summer School, Cliff Haven. He has developed in many a love of nature to a remarkable degree by his excursions with them into the mountains.

STUCK OUT TONGUES AT "COP."

Brooklyn Magistrate Fines Two Men \$5 Each.

New York, Aug. 7.—Sticking out one's tongue at a policeman in New York City costs a \$5 or imprisonment, under a ruling of a Brooklyn magistrate. John Valtz, of 900, and Martin Hart, of 107 Dupont street, were charged by Patrolman Danofroski with having exhibited their contempt of his uniform by sticking out their tongues at him while he was arresting George Schmidt, motorist of a car, on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Magistrate Voorhees gave Valtz and Hart the option of paying fines of \$5 each or going to jail for five days. They paid.

CHILD CATCHES RATTLESNAKE.

Little Girl Has No Fear of Dangerous Reptile.

Oil City, Pa., Aug. 7.—The 6-year-old daughter of A. B. Perry captured alive a yellow rattlesnake over three feet long and having seven rattles. The reptile was lying on a log and Perry, while attending to the team he was driving, did not see the little girl, who had gone to the house to get a piece of wire with which to capture the snake. She marched boldly up to the log and slipped the noose over the reptile's head, and then, holding the snake up, called to him, "See, daddy, I got a rattler alive."

Duchess of Manchester to Establish English Hospital to Cost \$1,000,000



DUCHESS OF MANCHESTER

New York, Aug. 7.—The Duchess of Manchester, former American society leader, and Mrs. Claude Graham White, wife of the noted English aviator, sailed for England today on the American Line steamship St. Louis. The husbands of both are serving England in the war. The duchess, who is in deep mourning for her father, the late Eugene Zimmerman, Cincinnati millionaire, retired to her suite immediately after boarding the vessel. She was visited by only a few friends.

Immediately upon her return to England, it is said, the duchess will establish one of the most elaborate of privately endowed hospitals in the British empire. It has been designed to cost \$1,000,000.

New French Fashion Magazine Started

As a Result of the War in Europe

Paris, Aug. 7.—The war has its effect on fashion magazines, lingerie, gowns, and the latest styles in head-dresses, as well as its effect upon dynasties and the future of nations and races. Le Style Parisien, the first number of which is out today, is one of the results. It is a new fashion publication which will be conducted on extremely radical lines. For one thing no advertisements can be illustrated. The sudden suspension of many Berlin fashion publications is one of the reasons for the launching of the new venture, which is capitalized at several millions and promises to be a leader from the start.

M. Emile Levy, director of the Librairie Central des Beaux Arts, is proprietor and founder and Lucien Vogel editor. Mr. Levy explains the venture as follows: "Until quite recently, before the war, many of the fashion journals which were very successful in the French and foreign public were published in Vienna, Berlin, and Frankfurt. One Vienna publisher, the Backitz firm alone issued more than twenty journals. These publications, of course, pretended to be Parisian, but the names of originators of French fashions never appeared and all

copied and infringed on the rights of the latest Paris novelties.

"We have endeavored to take advantage of the war, which has suspended these publications, to take their place, particularly to replace the Viennese paper, Le Chic Parisien. We have therefore established, with the support of the principal French dressmakers and manufacturers, a fashion journal, intended to spread real French fashions abroad, and gives the names of their originators."

Representatives of American firms

interested in conditions among the sewers and hat houses of Paris declare that advice from this, representative assure them that America need suffer from no lack of interesting importations from Paris this season. Buyers are being sent abroad by the houses which are accustomed to make large purchases of French costumes and accessories. The Paris offices of these firms are equipped with large staffs of buyers. Among firms which purchase somewhat less extensively arrangements have been made to receive their usual number of French models through the wholesalers.

MARRIAGE GUESTS WEEP

AS BLIND SOLDIER WEDS

Pathetic Ceremony in Paris When Wounded Lieutenant and Instructress Are United.

By LUIS BERTELL.

Paris, Aug. 7.—The most pathetic marriage in Paris since the war started was celebrated in the Church of the Antoinette Quarter between Lieut. Cantera, who lost both eyes and his left arm in the explosion of a shell at Vauquela Lorraine, and Mademoiselle Marcelle Pothion, instructress at the Normal School at Tunis.

They were attended by Comtesse Jean de Castellane, sister-in-law of Boni de Castellane, Miss Holt, founder of the Blind Institution of America, and Mrs. Bliss, wife of the first secretary of the American Embassy.

The engagement dated from before the war. After being so frightfully wounded, Cantera offered to release his fiancée from her promise. She refused. Despite the mutilation of his face the couple made a magnificent appearance. The scene at the Altar before the religious

ceremony filled the spectators with deep emotion.

Upon the official exuding the bride-

room from signing the register, the bride spoke up with charming and tender eagerness: "Yes, yes, he can sign. He would rather. I can help him."

As she smilingly guided his hand across the page, there were few onlookers whose eyes were dry.

American Storage Beef in Paris.

Paris, Aug. 7.—The first sale of American refrigerated beef in Paris took place this morning. The 3,000 pounds offered exceeded the demand. The beef brought fifteen sous a pound.

Refresh With Ice Water

XANDER'S APRICOT WINE 50c Quart 909 7th

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MILITARY RITES WILL MARK TRACY BURIAL

Former Secretary of Navy Was Also Noted as Lawyer, Soldier, and Politician.

New York, Aug. 7.—Arrangements have been completed for the funeral of Gen. Benjamin F. Tracy, Secretary of the Navy in Harrison's administration, who died yesterday at the age of 85.

Gen. Tracy will be buried with military and naval honors from Trinity Church on Monday at 10:30 o'clock in the morning.

Among the honorary pallbearers will be Major Gen. Leonard Wood and Col. John B. Bellinger, representing the army; Rear Admiral Usher, commandant of the New York Navy Yard, and Capt. Thomas S. Rogers, of New York, representing the navy; Frank Platt, Paul Fuller and probably representatives of the Court of Appeals.

An escort of soldiers and sailors is expected. Interment will be in Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn.

Born at Oswego, N. Y., Gen. Tracy was admitted to the bar in 1851 and served six years as district attorney of Tioga County. During the civil war he served as colonel of volunteers after receiving a wound in the leg.

He led his men through three days of the Battle of the Wilderness until he was wounded. Then he came North to regain his health. In March, 1865, he was brevetted brigadier general for meritorious services, and in June of

that year he was honorably discharged. He served as United States district attorney in New York from 1865 to 1872, when he re-entered private practice. He was chairman of the commission which drafted the Greater New York charter. He ran for mayor on the Republican ticket in 1877, but was defeated by Robert A. Van Wyck.

Gen. Tracy's career, with its brilliant military record, contained many dramatic episodes. Through all vicissitudes he retained clear-headed strength and attended to important affairs up to the time of his last illness.

He was blinded in one eye while still a young man when a mob of lawless pupils in a lumber town up-State attacked him for whipping a boy.

The greatest tragedy of his career was the fire of February 3, 1880, which totally destroyed the home he occupied while serving as Secretary of the Navy in Benjamin Harrison's Cabinet. The general's wife and young daughter were both killed in the fire. Mrs. Tracy was killed by a leap she took in an effort to escape after she had delayed too long in assuring the safety of her husband.

A famous phrase he coined while Secretary of the Navy, and which played a large part in changing the character of United States naval vessels, was, "What's the use of building a ship that can't run away from a ship it can't whip?"

The general's political career was a busy one. Lifelong friend and associate of the late Senator Thomas C. Platt, he shared in many of the latter's activities.

As a lawyer he appeared in many famous cases, among them the defense of Henry Ward Beecher in 1875, when

Henry Tilton sued Beecher for \$100,000 for alienation of his wife's affections. The jury disagreed after Tracy had made a plea that attracted wide attention. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Wilmerding, and her four children, and by a son, Frank Tracy, and the latter's two children.

PEACEFUL MAJORITY IN MEXICO CHIEF CONCERN

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fish ambitions, is the view for which these men have been contending, and its adoption by the conference augurs well for the better and bigger element of Mexico. It means logically, that in a conference looking to the formation of a coalition government, representatives of the 90 per cent will have the dominating voice, and that the military chiefs will be represented as individuals and not as representatives of military political power.

Military Power Will Weigh.

It is pointed out in this connection that, under the analysis announced by Secretary Lansing yesterday, the cohesiveness and military power of these chiefs must and will diminish in exact proportion to the diminution of their hopes for recognition, as they cannot satisfy their own selfish ends or the selfish ends of their subordinate chiefs, unless they not only obtain complete control of the government but obtain the recognition from the United States that would make such control lasting and valuable.

As a lawyer who appeared in many famous cases, among them the defense of Henry Ward Beecher in 1875, when

nized another group, the power of the military chiefs will immediately fall away from them, as it is based upon their supposed ability to reward their followers with power and riches through recognition of the leaders' changed, were unable to disassociate themselves. By drawing these men in, the strength of the military factions will be crippled in advance.

Ready with Embargo.

If necessary the United States is prepared to place an embargo upon the importation of arms into Mexico, except to a recognized government. This would be equivalent to a peaceful blockade. But the conference hopes that the necessity for making exceptions in the case of a recognized group will be eliminated, and that when the embargo goes on it will apply to all, thus saving the recognized group from the stigma of "gringo domination," a most effective campaign weapon in Mexico. As for those who claim to represent the better element there, they declare that if the United States will simply keep all arms out of Mexico, they will be able to clean up the place with sticks and stones, inasmuch as they will be 100 to 1 against the men now composing the military factions. No date had been set yesterday for

the next conference. While it is possible that it may be postponed, pending the arrival of Mr. Cardenas from Mexico, it is probable that Secretary Lansing will call it before then.

The final appeal to all factions in Mexico to enter a conference is being drafted at the State Department. It may go forward before the next Pan-American conference meets.

LEAPS FROM ROOF WITH NOTE.

Girl with Love Missive Eludes Irate Father.

New York, Aug. 7.—Rather than surrender a love note from her schoolboy sweetheart, at the demand of her father, Anna Vigilanti, 12 years old, yesterday leaped from the roof of a five-story apartment building where the family live, West Hoboken, N. J. A fracture of the left arm was her only injury.

"I love you," was the message the father read from Leon Poirai, 14 years old, a neighbor, as he peered over his daughter's shoulder.

"Give me that!" he said, and the girl fled up three flights to the roof, leaping off as he tried to seize her.

Mysterious Vessel Seen.

Madrid, Aug. 7.—The suspicion that German submarines are supplied from a secret station on the Spanish coast is strengthened by the presence at night of a mysterious vessel near San Juan de Nueva. A German submarine was seen moving along the coast yesterday. It was provisioned at night with fifty tons of benzine by the steamer Marcela from Bilbao.

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